

30-DAY BEAVER OR MUSKRAT EXTENSION PERMIT

Name: _____	Permit No. _____
Address: _____	
Authorized Agent Name (if applicable): _____	
Complaint Location: _____	

In accordance with and pursuant to provisions contained in chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General Laws section 40, 80A and 321 Code of Massachusetts Regulation 2.08 and 10.00 (Wetlands Protection Act), the permittee(s) above named may immediately remedy the threat to human health and safety by one or more of the following options:

- (a) the use of conibear or box or cage-type traps for the taking of beaver or muskrat, subject to the regulations promulgated by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (see back)
- (b) the breaching of dams, dikes, bogs or berms, so-called*
- (c) employing any non-lethal management or water-flow devices*

*If the permittee chooses option(s) b and/or c, he/she must adhere to the conservation commission's specifications for breach size and/or water-flow device installation in accordance to M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40 (Wetlands Protection Act).

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife with assistance from the permittee, the municipal board of health, and the municipal conservation commission, within 30 days of the issuance of this permit, shall develop and take reasonable steps to implement a beaver or muskrat management plan in order to provide a long-term solution to the problem.

This permit is valid for 30 consecutive days from the date of the signature of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

MDFW Name: _____

MDFW Signature: _____ Date: _____

This permit does not allow permittee(s) or their authorized agent to trespass on private property.

This permit or a copy thereof shall be carried on the person of any individual exercising the authority thereof and shall be shown upon request if challenged by any local or state law enforcement officer empowered to enforce the provisions of M.G.L. c. 131.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife trapping regulations

Permittee(s) may destroy problem furbearing mammals (named above) by means of a body gripping trap or by means of a box or cage type trap including Hancock or Bailey traps for catching beaver. The pan of Hancock and Bailey traps must be submerged in water. Problem furbearing mammals that are captured alive shall be disposed of by destruction in a humane manner. Body gripping traps with a jaw spread not less than 4 inches and not greater than 7 inches or body gripping traps with a jaw spread not less than 6 inches and not exceeding 10 inches for the trapping of beaver only, may be used if such traps are completely submerged in water. The placement of traps in reference to the proximity of the beaver lodge or beaver dam is unrestricted, but the disturbance or destruction of the beaver lodge or beaver dam is strictly prohibited unless otherwise authorized.

Permittee(s) taking problem furbearing mammals, on the property of another, by means of a trap shall possess a valid Massachusetts trapping license and traps shall be registered according to M.G.L. c. 131, s. 80.

Said problem furbearing mammals (named above), their carcasses or parts thereof may be retained by the permittee, sold, bartered, or exchanged for consideration during the open regulated harvest season for that species. Sealing of beaver pelts is required. Disposition of all carcasses obtained from the incidental capture of furbearing mammals not authorized by this permit must be surrendered to the District Wildlife Manager of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife having jurisdiction in the town where the furbearing mammal was taken.